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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Gregory Listvoyb

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/13/2006.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (Claims 1-3) in the reply filed on 5/14/2007 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Chemical Formula of Claim 1 contains a group -COOR, which suggests that Carbon atom has a valency of II.

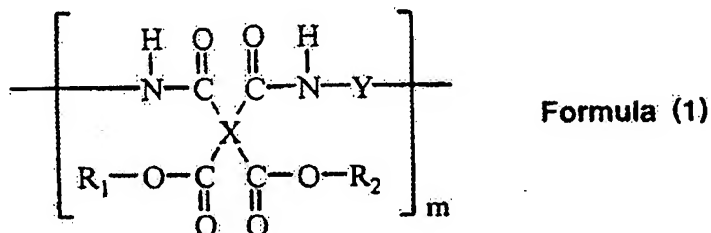
For the purpose of this rejection Examiner assumes that actual formula is - C(O)OR.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jung et al (US 2002/0093077) herein Jung in combination with Okada et al (US 2004/0048978) herein Okada and evidenced by Hosaka et al (US 2004/0048004) herein Hosaka.

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Jung discloses a reactive transparent polyimide precursor having the structure of the following Formula (1) (see Claim 1):



Where

R1 and R2 are independently a Hydrogen atom, or an acid-dissociable group, which may contain an unsaturated Hydrocarbon C 1-20 (see Claim 6)

X is a tetravalent, an aromatic or an aliphatic organic group; Y is a divalent, an aromatic or an aliphatic organic group; and m is an integer equal to or greater than 1.

Regarding claim 2, Jung discloses that the ratio between Hydrogen atom and acid-dissociable group is within the broad range of 0.1-1 (see Claim 7), which gives the acid value of the precursor within the range of 30 to 200 mg KOH/g.

Jung does not teach that "X" is alicyclic tetracarboxylic acid and molecular weight of his polyimide precursor.

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Okada discloses a reactive transparent polyimide precursor and polyamide comprising a reaction product of alicyclic tetracarboxylic acid dianhydride (1,2,3,4 cyclobutanetetracarboxylic acid dianhydride, (see line 0094)- the same compound used in the Application), aliphatic, alicyclic, or non-conjugated aromatic diamines having 3 to 30 carbon atoms and organic groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms including one or more ethylenically unsaturated bonds (glycidyl acrylate, see line 0124, the same compound used in the Application). Okada teaches that an acid equivalent of his polymer is within the range of 200-3000 (see Claim 4 and line 0260), which overlaps with acid value of 30-200 mg KOH/g.

As evidenced by Hosaka alicyclic tetracarboxylic acid is preferred in optical applications due to its excellent transparency.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to use alicyclic tetracarboxylic acid component in Jung's polyimide precursor to obtain film with excellent transparency.

In reference to Claim 3, Okada teaches that Molecular Weight of the polyamide precursor is within the range of 5000-1000000.

If the average molecular weight is less than 5,000, the resulting soluble polyimide will have a smaller molecular weight. Accordingly, the photosensitive resin composition including such soluble polyimide, if used as it is, is not practical because of its

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brittleness. Conversely, if the polyamic acid has an average molecular weight of greater than 1,000,000, a varnish of the polyamic acid will have an excessively high viscosity, so that the handling thereof will be difficult. (see line 0108)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to prepare polyimide precursor with molecular weight within the range of 5000-1000000.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory Listvoyb whose telephone number is (571) 272-6105. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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